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1. Bruce suggests US support for Schuman plan--US Ambassador Bruce in Paris reports that since the UK has found the Schuman plan unacceptable, there is "naturally great concern" among the Western European countries to be assured that the US still favors the proposed integration of coal and steel industries of various countries under an international authority. Bruce points out that it will not be easy for the participating countries to agree upon integration terms acceptable to their respective parliaments, and recommends that the US "sympathetically and vigorously" encourage the French initiative. As a possibility for indicating US moral support, Bruce suggests that consideration be given to a US statement publicly congratulating France and the other participants on the spirit and scope of the Schuman plan.

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